

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 15

Introduced by Assembly Member Frommer

January 23, 2003

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 15—Relative to Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 15, as introduced, Frommer. Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of March 2003 to be “Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.”

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of
2 cancer deaths in men and women combined in the United States;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that, in
5 2003, in the United States over 147,500 new cases of colorectal
6 cancer will be diagnosed and 57,100 individuals are expected to
7 die from the disease; and

8 WHEREAS, In the State of California an estimated 5,095
9 individuals will die from colorectal cancer and 14,330 new cases
10 will be diagnosed; and

11 WHEREAS, Screening for colorectal cancer is underutilized
12 and less than 50 percent of individuals above 50 years of age
13 receive annual screenings for colorectal cancer; and

14 WHEREAS, Detected early, colon cancer has a 90-percent
15 chance of a cure; and

1 WHEREAS, Education can help inform the public of methods
2 of prevention and symptoms that lead to early detection; and

3 WHEREAS, The State of California should help inform the
4 public about colorectal cancer prevention and screening; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
7 *thereof concurring*, That the month of March 2003 is hereby
8 declared “Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month” in California;
9 and be it further

10 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
11 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

